



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of:

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**Entitled: "COMPACT BACK
MAINTENANCE DEVICE"**

Serial No.: 09/925,082

Filed: August 8, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1744

Examiner: Shay L. Balsis

REPLY TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Mr. Balsis:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 3, 2003, Applicant's response includes the following:

- (1) Applicant cancels claims and adds one new claim which begin on page 2; and
- (2) Applicant traverses rejections to claims which begin on page 3.